

I am a General Class Radio Amateur (KD7TJT), Biomedical Electronics Manager and Electromagnetic Compatibility Coordinator for Skagit Valley Hospital in Mount Vernon WA.

I am very worried about the proposed Broadband over Power Line (BPL) technology and it's potentially disastrous effects to emergency communications and interference medical devices and communication.

I hope one of the lessons we learned in the wake of the September 11th tragedy is that Amateur Radio is a valuable resource that must be protected. The FCC has promised to protect licensed users of the spectrum and I know hold you to that promise.

I participate daily on the Washington Amateur Radio Traffic System and weekly on the Skagit County ARES/RACES net. Our purpose is to be ready to serve our community in times of emergency utilizing Amateur Radio. I fear if not closely regulated BPL will prevent the effective use of our bands. Substantial interference potential to amateur frequencies is already possible with current plans; I would hate to see them become any more permissive

Respectfully yours

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